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### MARGINAL COLUMN

THE lecture of both the London and New York "Daily Worker," the "Humanists," "Unita" and the rest of the Communist press in the West has been highly instructive over these last few weeks. Western Communist leaders have found it far more difficult than their comrades in the East to tell their fold the truth about Stalin, and some such as M. Duclos and Mr. Palme Dute, have in effect given to understand that the rank and file should not be told at all or, if it can not be prevented, in small instalments. They argue that in the East, Communist Party leaders can well afford to switch the line overnight: they have no political competition, and the West the situation is different: an open admission would spread doubts about the leadership. In general and would provide all the critics of the Communists with so much ammunition.

FOR this reason they have played down as far as possible the importance of Mr. Khrushchev's speech in Moscow: of course, they say, Stalin has committed some mistakes, but not such as sometimes? Mr. Togliatti, the artful dodger, has even invented some theoretical explanation for Stalin's unfortunate mistakes, but he believed erroneously that the class war would have to go on indefinitely in a socialist society and hence the purpose and the reign of terror.

THE situation of the Communist leaders in the Western world is admittedly now rather awkward. Their comrades in the East can plead extenuating circumstances: at least, when Stalin gave Mr. Khrushchev the order to dance, he had to do so for fear of the concentration camp or worse. When asked why the members of the Politburo did not do anything about the Stalinist terror, Khrushchev is said to have replied that in the prevailing conditions nobody could do anything.

THE Communist press of Western Europe has been publishing many letters during the past few weeks, and these have been very interesting. About half of these letters defend Stalin, while the other half express rather unorthodox views. They say that "we have never been able to bring ourselves to admit what lurked in most of our minds - that there has been sufficient truth in the allegations of our enemies that we were tools of Moscow." ("Daily Worker" March 26).

Elsewhere the opinion is expressed that the assurances given by Messrs. Khrushchev and Bulganin that the new collective leadership would be a sure guarantee that such a regime of terror could never recur cannot be accepted. There had been a collective leadership way back in the twenties, and yet Stalin was able to prevail, superseding all party institutions and party democracy. What safeguard is there that it could not happen again?

THERE are, of course, some hardened cynics in the Communist parties, just as elsewhere. They will automatically agree with Mr. Khrushchev just as they yesterday acclaimed everything Stalin said or did: there is nothing that can possibly shock them for there is nothing they believe in. But the majority of party members are thinking people and they have apparently very deeply been affected by recent events. They have been taught a lesson they will probably never forget: that they must think for themselves, and not blindly put their trust in any leader or leadership. And this is only one of the many effects of the recent revelations: it would be wrong to wait for dramatic results in the near future; and yet, in the long run all the evidence seems to show that the Communist parties will never be the same again.

London, April 6.

## Spanish Morocco Gets Independence

MADRID, Saturday. — A unified and independent Morocco was created today with a joint Spanish-Moroccan declaration which ended Spain's 44-year-old protectorate in North Africa.

The declaration was made after three days of negotiations between delegates representing Gen. Francisco Franco, head of the Spanish state, and Mohammed V, King of Morocco.

The new Moroccan state was born with a stroke of the pen shortly after dawn this morning when the declaration was signed by Spanish and Moroccan representatives at the Foreign Ministry. It consists of four clauses with a protocol of additional clauses providing for the period of transition needed for the transfer of administration.

A four-day holiday has been declared from today in Tetuan, capital of Spanish Morocco, as it prepared to greet Sultan Ben Yusef on his return journey from Spain to Rabat. A commission has been hastily set up in Tetuan to tackle the problem of housing an expected 100,000 visitors. In hotel rooms have been taken, and two complete hotels have been reserved for the Sultan and his suite and for Moroccan leaders who are coming from Rabat to Tetuan.

**Prepare to Celebrate**  
Squads of workmen were today setting up triumphal arches and Moroccan and Spanish flags. Several thousand new uniforms for the national militia will be in charge of crowd control have been hurriedly tailored.

Meanwhile, Foreign Minister Alberto Martin Ariza has decided to set up a special sub-committee to draft action in this connection. The decision to do this was adopted after four hours of discussion. The sub-committee was given till Monday to report back to the Committee.

The Syrian Premier, Haid el Ghazi, spoke for the Parliament which had given him authority to ask for the boycott of French "aggression" in North Africa.

## USSR Replace Navy C-in-C.

MOSCOW, Saturday (Reuter). — The Commander-in-Chief of the Soviet Navy, Admiral Fyodor Ushakov, was replaced by his deputy, Admiral S.G. Gorshkov, usually reliable sources said today.

Adm. Ushakov, who had a meteoric rise to power, became C-in-C of the Soviet Navy at the unusually young age of 57 before the Second World War. But at the recent Communist Party congress he lost his post on the party's powerful Central Committee, to which he was appointed at the 19th congress in 1952, a few months before Stalin's death.

Several of his colleagues at the top of the navy command also lost their places as full or candidate members of the Central Committee.

**Henderson Heads U.S. Group to MEDO Session**  
WASHINGTON, Saturday (AP). — The Administration has chosen Deputy Under-Secretary of State Loy Henderson, a diplomat known for his moderate record, to head the special U.S. delegation to the meeting of the Baghdad Pact Council scheduled in Tehran from April 16 to 20.

A State Department spokesman pointed out that U.S. attendance did not mean acquiescence in the so-called Middle East Defence Organization. "We are not prepared to adhere to it at this time," he said.

## Three Children Drown

HAIFA, Saturday. — Two 15-year-old boys drowned this morning in one of the carp ponds of Sha'ar Ha-Amudim.

Mordochai Waaknin and Haima Kharut were members of a group of six boys from the Ramot Hadassah Youth Aliya Institute in Tivon who stepped into a pond tied up at the edge of the pond. A sudden strong wind drove them towards the centre of the pond where the boat overturned.

Four of the boys swam to safety, but two disappeared. The survivors called the fire brigade, which brought out the two boys who were already dead.

The bodies were transferred to the Rambam Hospital.

A three-and-a-half-year-old child was discovered drowned in a cesspit in Katamon Gimmel, Jerusalem, on Friday, after she had been missing for three hours.

The body of Aliza, daughter of Yehoshua Abu Asa, was taken to the Hadassah Hospital after being retrieved by the Fire Brigade.

## U.N. Chief Making Rome His H.Q.

ROME, Saturday (Reuter). — The U.N. Secretary-General, Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld, arrived tonight and will open his office tomorrow with Major-General E.L.M. Burns, Chief of Staff of the U.N. Truce Supervision Commission.

Italian officials said that Mr. Hammarskjöld will make Rome his headquarters during his month-long mission and that he would return here to write his report to the Security Council. The Secretary-General will leave here on Tuesday.

At London Airport prior to his departure earlier today, Mr. Hammarskjöld said that no special political explanation should be looked for in the latest Israeli-Egyptian border clash along the Gaza Strip.

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## No Rehabilitation Seen for Slansky

VIENNA, Saturday (Reuter). — Rudolf Slansky, former Secretary-General of the Czechoslovak Communist Party, and his 11 accomplices who had been executed in 1952, will not be rehabilitated as most of the charges against them were justified, Dr. Stascha Vasek, the Czechoslovak Minister in Vienna, told Reuter yesterday.

He said, however, that the case of Mrs. Marie Svoboda, a former high Communist official who was a witness in the Slansky trial, would probably be revised and her sentence of life imprisonment reduced to between 10 and 15 years.

## Poland Frees Gomulka, Former Party Secretary

LONDON, Saturday (Reuter). — Poland has released "several dozen persons whose innocence has been proved," Warsaw said today. They include former Deputy Defence Minister Marian Spychalski, charged with "treason" in 1951. This follows yesterday's report that Wladyslaw Gomulka, 50, former Communist leader and Deputy Premier, had been freed.

## Ceylon Leader Would Oust British Bases

COLOMBO, Saturday (UP). — The Opposition leader, Solomon Bandaranaike, who has emerged as the man most likely to be the next Premier of Ceylon, said today that he may refuse the British permission to maintain bases on the island and may nationalize foreign investments in the former British colony.

Mr. Bandaranaike, leader of the People's United Front, said he was against the decision of the 20th Soviet Communist Party congress to rehabilitate victims of the Stalinist terror.



The Shambles of the children's house at Ein Hashlosha after the Egyptian bombardment on Thursday. Scattered on the floor and buried in the walls were dead glass and metal splinters. The 35 children who normally live here were taken away to a shelter shortly after the first shell fell on the kibbutz.

## Egyptians Prove Poor Shots

By BEN ADI  
BEERSHEBA, Saturday. — The fields of golden yellow wheat in the Negev are ready to be harvested, but men and women at Meafala, Nahal Oz, Kibbutz, and elsewhere, will be better able to handle the situation of national contingents but was pressing for the strengthening of the U.N. observer force.

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## Jordan Fears Change In Status Quo

The Arabs "are with Mr. Hammarskjöld as long as he does not disturb the status quo," but we are against him should he try to liquidate the Palestinian problem," the Old City "El Jihad," said editorially yesterday. It pointed out that cooperation would be given by the U.N. Secretary-General to the Arab side, but we cannot achieve justice for our case in Palestine, we must at least see to it that the status quo is maintained," the paper said.

## Israel Should Buy Soviet Arms, Silver

NEW YORK, Saturday (UP). — Dr. Abba Hillel Silver said yesterday he believes that Israel should buy arms from Communist countries if necessary to circumvent what he described as a U.S. "embargo of arms against it."

Dr. Silver arrived by plane after a two-week visit in Israel.

He emphasized to newsmen at Idlewild airport that he was speaking for himself alone, and he said that Israel "has a right to secure arms from whatever source they can in order to survive."

Rabbi Silver was highly critical of American policy towards Israel, and said he believed that the U.S. "should not put Israel in the position of having to seek arms from behind the Iron Curtain."

He stated he knew of no such arms offers to Israel and had heard nothing of Communist arms offers during his talks with top Israeli officials.

**AFTER MIDNIGHT**  
The Soviet Union is to give China 2,000 m. rockets worth \$1.5 million under an agreement signed in Peking yesterday, the Soviet news agency, TASS, has reported. The Soviet Union will provide the missiles, and engineers and technicians needed to build 15 new rocket launchers.

## Cairo Ignores Cease-Fire

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
Egypt broke the cease-fire on Friday morning, little more than 12 hours after she had accepted it, and continued by ignoring a second similar agreement and renewing fire along the Gaza Strip once more yesterday (Saturday) morning, and again twice in the afternoon.

Attacks on Israeli civilians, farmers and fishermen, were made over the week-end by Jordanians and Syrians in the north of the country.

The senior Israeli delegate to the Mixed Armistice Commission complained at 9 o'clock on Friday morning to the Chairman of the Egyptian M.A.C. Col. Robert Hayard, that 45 minutes earlier Egyptian positions opened fire with heavy machine-guns upon the Gaza Strip at an Israeli patrol in the Kisuim area. Another patrol was shot at in the Be'er sector said.

## Fedayeen Renew Raids in South

At a late hour last night, a considerable number of Fedayeen attacks were listed by the Army spokesman. In these attacks, two persons were killed and a number of persons were injured. The following details were given:

- One woman was killed and two injured when a hand grenade was thrown into a home in Shikun Aleph, in the northern part of Ashdod. The water pipe-line nearby was blown up.
- A number of vehicles were attacked ten kilometres south of the Faluja-Maseh road. Several persons were injured.
- Hand-grenades were

## Shelling 'Routine' At Nahal Oz

NAHAL OZ, Saturday. — Two lonely shots stirred the cool air, but the stary sky remained undisturbed, weighing heavily on the electric lamps of the settlement. The mule in the makeshift stable—a few planks and a sackcloth—remained immobile.

Nothing seemed to disturb the animal any more after the fierce shelling which had taken place during the afternoon. In the kitchen a girl was preparing vegetables in a huge pot. On the notice board in the dining room a scribbled note on a piece of copybook paper warned against tampering with unexploded shells. The paths between the houses were muddy. Nobody paid any attention to the shooting. It was a quiet night and the children were back in their homes.

## Attacks From Jordan, Syria

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
TIBERIAS, Saturday. — Jordan Legionaries broke the quiet on the Jordan Valley frontier three times this week-end, shooting at settlers of Geshur and watching the water pumping station near the Mithal turning was sabotaged, and shots were fired at persons nearby.

At 10.10, a civilian vehicle was fired at on the Beer-sheva road near Aluzam. Three of the occupants were wounded, and the car burst into flames.

## Shelling Already

The settlement has already been shelled three times before in the two and a half years of its existence. It is a young kibbutz, the settlers have finished their military service quite recently, and their eldest child is a year old. The youngest, of course, is very young indeed, for he was born ten days ago.

It all began suddenly enough, with a few bursts of heavy machine-guns firing from across the border, 400 metres away. Then mortar shells began to explode. The men moved into their dug-outs. As the Egyptian fire continued, the men were ordered to take cover. Two men were wounded, one by a mortar splinter, the other by a machine-gun bullet. They were evacuated to a hospital.

## Israel Tells U.N. Of Egypt's Guilt

UNITED NATIONS, Saturday (Reuter). — Israel last night officially blamed Egypt for the casualties in the Gaza Strip.

She made the charge in a note to the President of the Security Council, Mr. Henry Cabot Lodge, U.S.

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